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Situation Report

Severe Storms

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UPDATED INFORMATION IS IN BOLD

SUMMARY:

State officials are in contact with local St. Louis Officials concerning the storms during the evening of July 19-20, 2006 in the St. Louis Metro area. Initial reports indicate approximately 500,000 AmerenUE customers are without electrical power, approximately 30 injuries have been reported, storm debris throughout the city and damage to buildings occurred as a result of high winds and possible tornado activity.

A precautionary boil order for water has been issued for North County areas affected by the power outage.

Washington County, (Potosi) has reported some storm related damage and preliminary information is still coming into SEMA Duty Officer. Some power had been restored to parts of the water system early this morning.

Washington County continues to experience power outage in some areas. Water system in Potosi is not able to keep up with existing demands, and a water conservation order has been issued.

Washington County officials have requested 100 cots and 2 power generators. Information on generator vendors, with contact telephone numbers and names has been provided to city and county officials. SEMA has stressed local officials with a critical need for generators should obtain them as soon as possible.

Iron County reports power outage and water issues in rural areas and some small towns.

State officials continue to make frequent contact with city and county officials in affected areas.

Electrical Power outage compounds concerns due to on-going high heat conditions in Missouri.

City of St. Louis:

City Public Safety Officials have been conducting damage assessments this morning. 10 of 14 cooling stations in the city are without power, and plans are to use 10, 60 passenger busses as temporary cooling sites throughout the city for heat relief. City crews will be working on debris removal for the next two days or so. City workers are conducting door-to-door health checks to locate people who may need assistance. Red Cross and Salvation Army officials have been contacted to coordinate any assistance they can offer.

Eleven of 14 cooling stations around city are now operating with power. City of St. Louis requested 500 cots; this request is being routed to appropriate agencies to address need. Also, City requested assistance from Missouri National Guard for assistance with search and rescue, debris removal, and public safety concerns.

St. Louis County Actions:

St. Louis County reports they have 38 cooling stations set up in various locations throughout the county. County officials indicate everything seems to be going fairly well considering the magnitude of the power outage suffered.

State Actions:

Governor Blunt issued Executive Orders numbers 06-25 and 06-26 declaring a state of emergency and authorizing the Missouri National Guard to provide assistance to the citizens in the affected areas of the state.

Representatives from DHSS, MoDOT, DNR, SEMA, and the Missouri Public Service Commission are meeting to coordinate state resources responding to the storm damaged areas. Daily conference calls are being held on regular schedule until the situation stabilizes.

Missouri National Guard is sending troops in response to the Cities request, who will be assisting with public safety issues.

SEMA is in frequent contact with Federal Emergency Management Officials in Kansas City, keeping communications and coordination efforts underway, and a FEMA liaison officer is present at SEMA.

SEMA has activated at a level 1 at this time. Representatives from DNR, MoDOT, DHSS and MoNG have been requested to report to the EOC for coordination of state response actions.

MoNG and Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted on availability of power generators if needed. SEMA staff are continuing to collect information from metro and outlying areas of the state effected by this storm system. SEMA will coordinate with FEMA Region 7 and continue to monitor situation and respond to requests for support.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:

Red Cross and Salvation Army have been in contact with St. Louis City officials

Red Cross and Salvation Army authorities continue to work with local governments in the storm affected areas. Requests for cots, cooling tents, and other assistance continue to be passed on to these agencies.

Point of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>